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SUBJECT: SOVIET HIJACKERS RETURNED TO USSR

REF: HELSINKI 1451

1. TWO SOVIET HIJACKERS WHO SURRENDERED IN FINLAND JULY 12 (REFTTEL) WERE HANDED OVER LATE JULY 13 TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES WHO RECEIVED THEM AT HELSINKI AIRPORT AND FLEW THEM DIRECTLY TO USSR. HIJACKERS HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS GENNADI IVANOVICH SHELUSKO, 22, AND ALEKSANDR FILIPPOVITS ZAGIRNYAK, 19, BOTH SOVIET CITIZENS.

2. GOF ANNOUNCED IT HAD ACTED UNDER FINNISH/SOVIET AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN ORDER TO PREVENT SKYJACKINGS OF CIVILIAN AIRPLANES SIGNED IN 1974 AND EFFECTIVE AUGUST 19, 1975, AS WELL AS OTHER EXTRADITION REGULATIONS. REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION HAD COME FROM SOVIETS ON JULY 12, WAS REFERRED BY MFA TO MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, WHICH DECIDED THAT EXTRADITION WAS CALLED FOR UNDER TERMS OF AGREEMENT. DECISION WAS SIGNED
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BY FINANCE MINISTER PAAVELA, A SOCIAL DEMOCRAT, ACTING IN PLACE OF VACATIONING JUSTICE MINISTER SALO (LIBERAL PARTY).

3. PRESS REPORTED THAT DURING TWO DAYS IT TOOK TO PROCESS EXTRADITION REQUEST SKYJACKERS WERE QUESTIONED BY POLICE. SKYJACKERS REPORTEDLY TOLD POLICE THEY

HAD PLANNED ACTION TWO WEEKS BEFORE THEIR FLIGHT WITH
MOTIVATION OF GETTING AWAY FROM PETROSKOI. THEIR ONLY
WEAPON WAS AN UNARMED HAND GRENADE WHICH THEY ALLEGEDLY
CLAIMED TO HAVE PURCHASED.

4. DURING CUSTODY IN FINLAND SKYJACKERS WERE KEPT
IN FULL SECLUSION BY POLICE AS HAD BEEN OTHER PASSENGERS,
ALL OF WHOM HAVE NOW RETURNED TO USSR EXCEPT FOR ONE WHO
IS HOSPITALIZED WITH SLIGHT INJURY SUFFERED IN ESCAPE
FROM HIJACKERS.
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